### STATE OF IOWA

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### **UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE:

USA QUICK PHONE, INC.

DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-16 WRU-00-46-3392 TF-00-210

# ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS, GRANTING WAIVERS, APPROVING TARIFF, AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE

(Issued August 18, 2000)

On March 22, 2000, USA Quick Phone, Inc. (Quick Phone), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide prepaid local exchange services in all exchanges in the State of Iowa. Quick Phone subsequently stated that it concurs with the exchange service area maps of Qwest Corporation, f/n/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, on file with the Board as they are today and as they may be changed in the future. The exchanges of these two companies are the service territories covered by the certificate application.

Quick Phone made an additional filing on June 12, 2000, requesting the Utilities Board (Board) grant it waivers of certain rules and regulations. Additional information was requested from the applicant to complete the review of this

application. On June 20, 2000, the Board issued an order extending the date for determination on the certificate application an additional 60 days.

lowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has reviewed Quick Phone's application and finds Quick Phone has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Quick Phone.

Quick Phone requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts, and 199 IAC 18.2, which requires it to maintain its books and records in Iowa. Quick Phone stated it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and that those records are kept at its principle place of business in Texas, but will be made available to the Board as necessary.

Quick Phone also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1) requiring it to independently publish a directory, stating that it will provide for the listing of its customers' telephone numbers in the appropriate local directory.

The Board finds it reasonable to grant Quick Phone's requests for waivers.

Based on the nature of the local exchange service Quick Phone will provide, the

Board finds that none of these requirements are appropriate at this time. The Board

will be able to adequately review the records if it becomes necessary. Until or unless

Quick Phone serves a very large number of customers, it is unnecessary for it to publish a separate directory in Iowa.

Quick Phone will provide only prepaid local service. It will not be offering long distance service. Therefore, it will not be necessary for Quick Phone to make available 2-PIC methodology for intraLATA and interLATA calling.

Quick Phone filed a proposed tariff, identified as TF-00-210, on August 14, 2000. Notice was provided to all affected carriers. The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff and finds it substantially complies with the Board rules for local exchange service tariffs. The Board will approve the tariff, effective on the date of this order. Simultaneously with this order, the Board will issue Certificate No. 0220.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by USA Quick Phone, Inc., on March 22, 2000, is granted.
- 2. The tariff filed by Quick Phone on August 14, 2000, identified as TF-00-210, is approved, effective on the date of issuance of this order.
- 3. The concurrence by Quick Phone in the maps and boundaries of Qwest Corporation, f/n/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, is approved.
- 4. Quick Phone's requests for waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1) are granted.

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5. A certificate identified as Certificate No. 0220 is issued to Quick Phone with this order.

	UTILITIES BOARD
	/s/ Allan T. Thoms
ATTEST:	/s/ Susan J. Frye
/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.	/s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary	

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.